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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, US, VN  
SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE-US RELATIONS

1. THE FOLLOWING AIDE MEMOIRE WAS GIVEN US BY THE  
FOREIGN OFFICE OVER THE WEEKEND:

2. QUOTE: IN HIS MEETING ON FEBRUARY 7, WITH THE  
FOREIGN SECRETARY, THE VIETNAMESE SPECIAL ENVOY, DEPUTY  
FOREIGN MINISTER MR. PHAN HIEN, OBSERVED THAT PRESIDENT  
CARTER HAD SAID HE WOULD BE WILLING TO SEND AN ENVOY TO  
VIETNAM TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF AMERICANS MISSING IN  
ACTION. THE SPECIAL ENVOY SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD BE  
WILLING TO RECEIVE ANY US REPRESENTATIVE IN HANOI, OR TO  
RESUME BILATERAL TALKS IN PARIS.

3. THE SPECIAL ENVOY STRESSED THAT ARTICLES 21 (PERTAINING  
TO ASSISTANCE TO "HEAL THE WOUNDS OF WAR") AND 8B (PERTAINING  
TO AMERICANS MISSING IN ACTION) WERE BOTH UNIMPLEMENTED  
ARTICLES AND REPRESENTED SEPARATE AND EQUAL OBLIGATIONS.  
IT WAS NOT PERMISSIBLE THEREFORE TO MAKE THE FULFILLMENT  
OF ARTICLE 8B A PRECONDITION FOR THE FULFILLMENT OF  
ARTICLE 21. NEITHER COULD US OBLIGATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 21  
BE TREATED AS "HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE".

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4. THE SPECIAL ENVOY SAID THE US SHOULD NOT USE ITS  
VETO TO PREVENT THE ENTRY OF VIETNAM INTO THE UN WHICH  
WAS ITS SOVEREIGN RIGHT. NEITHER SHOULD THE US MAINTAIN  
ITS TRADE EMBARGO AGAINST VIETNAM.

5. THE SPECIAL ENVOY ALSO OBSERVED THAT THE US HAD SAID  
ITS ATTITUDE TOWARD VIETNAM WOULD BE DEPENDENT ON THE

POLICIES VIETNAM ADOPTED TOWARD THE COUNTRIES OF SOUTHEAST ASIA. IN THIS REGARD THE SPECIAL ENVOY STRESSED THAT VIETNAM'S POLICY TOWARD ITS NEIGHBOURS WAS BASED ON A 4-POINT POLICY THAT HAD BEEN ACCEPTED BY ALL THE COUNTRIES IN SOUTH EAST ASIA, AND ON THAT BASIS VIETNAM HAD ESTABLISHED RELATIONS WITH ASEAN COUNTRIES.

6. THE NEW REGIME IN THAILAND HAD, ACCORDING TO THE VIETNAMESE ENVOY, VIOLATED THIS AGREEMENT BY TERRORISING THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY IN THAILAND, SLANDERING VIETNAM, AND SEEKING TO BRING US FORCES BACK TO THAILAND. UNQUOTE. BYROADE

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